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When the notes of this government are not as good as gold this bank will give you the National Bank of N. Y.

## The Collection of Taxes.

The Township Committee hold a special meeting on Monday evening last called for the purpose of rescinding action taken at the previous regular meeting, when it was decided to publish, immediately, the list of delinquent taxpayers for the year 1894, where the Township had not yet, for previous years, secured a lien on the property.

The reason given for this publishing the list was that the township "needs money, and the advertisement would have the desired effect," that is, of inducing many of the delinquents to pay up. The motion to advertise, as amended by Mr. Gilbert, and passed, was that all unpaid taxes of 1894, including all real estate, whether a lien had been secured or not, and personal and poll taxes, be advertised, Mr. Gilbert claiming it was unjust to those who were only in arrears for two years to be advertised when parties who were in arrears for the same year and for many years before were not annoyed or disgraced by such action. He said it was unfair to those who were comparatively prompt and showed partiality to those who allowed their taxes to run for ten, fifteen or twenty years.

As simply the publication last week of this intimation by the Committee has already had the good effect of "dunning" delinquent taxpayers and bringing money into the Treasury, it is a matter of some surprise that suddenly a special meeting was called at which the Committee took a different view of the matter, and passed a resolution to defer the advertising of these unpaid taxes.

An impression prevails that the Committee is unwilling to make the effort to collect these taxes and so replenish the Treasury, because of political opposition that is likely to be developed, jeopardizing the plans now being formulated to keep the township in control of those now running it. The statement is freely made that among the delinquent taxpayers are men who are drawing pay as officials, and others who have political influence, who would either be unwillingly compelled to pay their taxes or be exposed as delinquent in the advertisement, which would not be creditable to the administration.

The only criticism The Record has to make in regard to this action of the Committee is this: Whether there is "politics in it," as some say, or not, our Committee men are not making the same business-like effort to secure moneys due the Township for taxes that they would make, and do make, in making collections for themselves.

In private business a merchant does not usually let his accounts run on, at the pleasure of the debtor, or until the debtor packs up and moves out of town. The successful merchant goes for that debtor and makes him pay up. If he knows that his debtor is honest and means to pay he may give him time. But in conducting a banking business or an insurance business there is no such leniency as that; and in conducting township business, relating to taxes, there should be absolutely no favoritism shown, no chance taken of losing a dollar of taxes justly assessed, nor in delaying the collection a day beyond the time that the money may be secured.

The wisdom and justice of this is apparent. The only taxpayer who is entitled to any sort of favor or credit is the one who pays his taxes promptly as a duty, and in the exercise of patriotic citizenship. It is a gross injustice to such taxpayers to oblige them to pay part of the delinquent's tax in addition to their own.

## Aldermanic Self-Renunciation.

With a magnanimity that is rare in these times of chasing the almighty dollar, the Township Committee have performed an act that must fairly entitle each of them to the esteem of the public. They have decided, in view of the large expenses incurred in the litigation against Glen Ridge Borough, to serve the Township as Committeemen for the balance of the year without remuneration. They receive two dollars apiece for each meeting. The year closes with the month of March.

## Passaic River Pollution.

There will be no inquiry into the cause of the Passaic river pollution and a remedy will be discovered if it is possible for three laymen to find it. The bill that was passed at Trenton on Tuesday bearing the name of Senator Williams, of Passaic, is one that is understood to meet the approval of the executive. The selection of the three commissioners rests with the Governor. This has been one of the most important bills before the Legislature. It is also one of the historical bills of this Legislature, for it involves great interest and has brought up a controversy that is far reaching in its political effect. There are some things about it that sooner or later will involve the leaders of the two parties in an argument that may be as many-sided as was the railroad taxation of twelve years ago. It is said that there still be one commissioner from Hudson, one from Passaic and one from Essex County. There are several names mentioned from the latter County. One is Henry M. Dovern, who is urged by several politicians, but the Governor favors Anzi Dold, thinking that the commissions need the most judicious men like the well-known insurance president and ex-vice-chancellor. In all probability he will be appointed.

## Filling Up the Navies.

The various civilized nations of the world continue adding new ships to their navies as though they expected to really use them, which is not likely. Improvements and changes are made so rapidly that a vessel of most approved pattern becomes old fashioned in five years' time.

England's navy is certainly six times as powerful as that of the United States, yet last year she added to it three first class battleships, besides smaller vessels. She has now under construction 10 first class battleships and 21 cruisers. England's navy could undoubtedly knock out those of any other two nations put together, even of France and Russia. France has the second most powerful navy after Great Britain, while Russia comes third, yet the two together are not equal to England. But Russia and France are working with great vigor and haste to increase their water fighting power. They are only less active than England. The United States spends only \$15,000,000 a year on its navy, exclusive of building new ships, while England spends \$65,000,000. If we spent as much money as England does every year on new ships, it would take us five years to catch up to where she is now.

The United States is only a little naval power, being the fifth. Up to 1890 she was the sixth, but since then she has passed Germany. What we are doing in the way of additions, compared to the nations of the old world, may be judged from the fact that we have now under construction only five battleships, one cruiser and a number of smaller frigates and torpedo boats.

From being the eighth power on the seas in 1890, China got knocked down by the war with Japan into the nineteenth place. She has literally nothing left in the way of a navy. Probably the region of the world that is richest in natural resources is Central America. Coffee will grow in all the five states, but at present it is obtained chiefly from Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador. Fortunes are made in a few years from raising coffee. Three-fourths of the bananas consumed in this country are produced in the isthmus region, although the banana industry is conducted as yet only in the crudest way. The climate is too hot for white men to work there to any great extent, but the Japanese can stand it. The British minister to Central America said in a late paper in The North American Review that, with \$5,000 capital, a white man could make a fortune in the coffee and banana trade in Central America. Spanish language, young men might go there and engage in either agriculture, commerce or mining with perfect assurance of success. Several young men might club their resources and raise the money. Indeed, without any capital at all, men have frequently gone to such rich new countries as the Central American states and become wealthy in a short time.

There is a great degree of shallow vulgarity in the way some newspapers follow up Hetty Green, the millionaire, chronicling her every step, recording even the fact when she gets a new bonnet. It is not on record that Mrs. Green ever defended anybody out of a dollar, though she drives a sharp bargain with those who would drive a still sharper one with her if they were sharp enough to do so. She dresses always quickly, but in a thoroughly respectable way, and that she like the good sense to avoid monstrous fashions and extremes of the present unbecomingly feminine fashions is only another evidence of her level headedness. She is a respectable woman in private life. As such she is entitled to decent treatment, just as much as are the wives of the vulgar newspaper men who make her the target of their foolish little wits.

A learned American financial writer who knows it all says, "Our foreign creditors cannot afford to buy our agricultural products at the inflated prices which prevail here." "Inflated prices" if good. What do American farmers think of the dreadful inflation, with the demands of comfortable living twice as expensive as they were 50 years ago, put the prices of agricultural products just where they were from 1840 to 1845? Before this glib edged financial instructor undertakes to make generalizations on the subject of finances for the people he ought to make the experiment of raising a crop of potatoes by the sweat of his brow and then undertaking to market it. He could probably then and there get information about inflated prices for agricultural products that would last him the rest of his life.

One train of garbage scows was taken safe, out to sea in New York at any rate, even though it is charged that most of them are dumped within easy reach of the city and their contents are washed up again on its shores. During a late storm and high winds this train of scows parted its hawsers and went drifting out to the ocean on its own hook.

## Which Are You?

There will be two kinds of people on earth. Just two kinds of people, no more, I say. Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood. The good are half bad, and the bad are half good. Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth. You must first know the state of his conscience and health. Not the humble and proud, for in life's little quest. Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man. Not the happy and sad, for the swift dying years. Bring each man his laughter, and each man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean. Are the people who lift, and the people who lean. Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses. And always divided in just these two classes. And oddly enough, you will find, too, I mean. There is only one life to twenty who lean. In which class are you? Are you eating the food of overpaid lifers who told down the road? Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear your portion of labor and worry and care? E. W. Wheeler Wilcox.

## Death of Dr. Wm. Hugh Pierson.

Dr. William Hugh Pierson died in New York City on Wednesday morning, aged 68 years. He was widely known as the discoverer of the celluloid process. He leaves a wife and son, John Van Liew Pierson. Dr. Pierson served as a surgeon in the Union army, and came to reside in Bloomfield in 1870, previous to which he practiced medicine for some time in East Orange. His life in Bloomfield was a retired one, devoted to invention and study. He was a remarkably well-informed man upon every subject of a scientific nature, and had earnest convictions on all questions, social, political and religious. His health became impaired a short time ago, leading him to seek mental and physical relief in temporary changes of residence, at Pompton and New York City. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at the family residence on Forest Avenue.

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## "The Heart of Maryland."

David Belasco's superb drama, "The Heart of Maryland," at the Herald Square theatre, is destined to be the greatest stage success New York has known in fifteen years. Every night since its advent in the early fall, the handsome theatre has been thronged by the city's cultured and fashionable. Dramatic geniuses are one in its overwhelming praise, select audiences are even yet glowing in its favor and the public continues to throng to it. It is a beautiful drama, rich in colorful characters and splendidly interpreted. "The Heart of Maryland" is among the play's striking scenes, with its old church, "The Vestibule," and the march of an army. And the tragic of this drama, "The March," is a moving and an overwhelming scene, yet glowing in its favor and the public continues to throng to it. It is a beautiful drama, rich in colorful characters and splendidly interpreted. "The Heart of Maryland" is among the play's striking scenes, with its old church, "The Vestibule," and the march of an army. And the tragic of this drama, "The March," is a moving and an overwhelming scene, yet glowing in its favor and the public continues to throng to it. It is a beautiful drama, rich in colorful characters and splendidly interpreted.

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PIERSON.—In New York on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, William Hugh Pierson, M. D., at the age of 68 years. The funeral will be held at 2:30 P. M. on Saturday, Feb. 29th, at his late residence in Glen Ridge; private.

## Church Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. James Beveridge Lee, Pastor. WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 27th, 1896. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. PARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—Robert M. Johnson, Pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 12 M. CHURCH EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Edwin A. White, Pastor. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Evening Prayer with sermon at 7:30 P. M. GLEN RIDGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, cor. of Ridge Road and Clark Street. Rev. Frank J. Goodwin, Pastor. Regular services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. GLEN RIDGE M. E. CHURCH.—Glen Ridge and Highland Avenue. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Evening service at 7:30 P. M. Farewell sermon by Rev. W. D. McVay.

WATKINSBURG M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. C. C. Widens, Pastor. Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Epworth League meeting in the Chapel at 6:45.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. B. W. Seibert, Ph. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:15 P. M. Young Men's Christian Association, Thursday 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Chas. A. Cook, Pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at noon.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nordlie, pastor. First mass and sermon at 8:30 A. M. High mass and sermon at 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Vesper service, 8:30 P. M. EMMERSON MISSION.—Rev. Amos W. Galtier, pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 4 P. M. and 7:45 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Epworth League, Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Friday evening. German Lutheran service will be held in Germania Hall every Sunday at 2:30 P. M. All Lutherans are cordially invited to attend. Aug. Eberhardt, Jr., pastor.

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It is the highest proof of literary art to take plain, everyday facts, and presenting at every step the perfect and logical continuity of common sense to build upon them and with them a story surpassing the most dazzling dreams of imagination. This is what Professor John Uri Lloyd has done in that strange and dazzling book, "The End of Earth." Professor Lloyd is a chemist and physicist and among the most distinguished men of his profession. For more than 20 years he has studied quietly while he worked, experimented and thought. One of the results is the book "Admiral," which name is merely "Aphrodite" spelled backward.

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